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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Axel ULLRICH et al.

Title: NOVEL PTP-20, PCP-2, BDP1, CLK AND SIRP PROTEINS AND RELATED PRODUCTS AND METHODS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Statement regarding the Drawings begin on page 13 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: